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TODAY'S LEARNERS - TOMORROW'S LEADERS

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Principal's Message

Greetings and Welcome to the 2019/2020 school year wildcat family! My name is Kimberly Lonergan and I am so excited to briefly introduce myself as the new principal of North Naples Middle School. Over the past 34 years I have worked in education as a teacher and an administrator, although I consider my most important job to be that of a child advocate. As your children's principal it is my goal to get to know their personalities, learning styles and interests. I will celebrate their successes and encourage them every day to do their best. It is my wish that all wildcats know they are valued and have a special place in our school community.

My focus will be to ensure that all children at NNMS are healthy, happy and safe, so they can achieve their full potential. North Naples Middle School is an "A" ranked Florida school because it has the best combination of students, parents and teachers! I look forward to a great year and getting to know you and your children! GOOOO Wildcats!

Kimberly Lonergan,
Proud NNMS Principal

Important Dates

- Quarter 2 begins on October 21, 2019
- Quarter 2 Interim Period ends on November 19, 2019
- Fall/Thanksgiving Break from November 25 - November 29, 2019
- Quarter 2 ends on December 20, 2019
- Winter Break from December 21 - January 6, 2020
- Students return to school on January 7, 2020



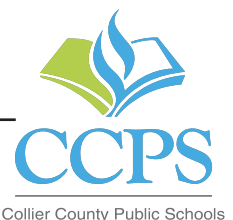
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Assistant Principal of Attendance & Discipline Message

Hello Wildcat Family!

The 2019-2020 school year is off to great start. It's exciting to see so many positive things happening around campus, including the introduction of our houses. In order to expand our sense of belonging, all students and staff have been assigned to a particular house. They include House Tiyaga (Grey) which means perseverance, House Rispetto (Red) which means honor, House Reise (Black) which means journey, and House Valentia (White) which means courage. Students were assigned to their houses randomly, and it truly was an exciting day when the 7th and 8th graders welcomed the 6th graders into their houses by "storming" the classrooms. Students were chanting and cheering emphatically. It was cool to see students displaying their school and house spirit. Throughout the scope of the quarter, the houses will compete against each other to earn points. The competitions will include, but not limited to, calculating which house has the most school spirit, highest grades, highest attendance record, greatest participation in school activities, least number of referrals, and highest of number of positive referrals. The house with the most points by the end of the quarter will earn a "House Party" where students will have the opportunity to celebrate their hard work. We can't wait to see who wins for the 1st quarter.

Speaking of attendance, we highly value your child's presence each and every day. Showing up for school has a huge impact

on a student's academic success, and we're hoping you make school attendance a priority. Please see the following recommendations:

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, and make that the expectation
- Help your child maintain daily routines such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day

Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick

In addition to attendance being a priority, please see the following recommendations to ensure your child has a successful year:

- Ensure your child shows up to school with their Student ID every day—safety is our #1 priority
- Please review your child's track card routinely. Parent signatures are due at the interim and end of every quarter
- Please visit the following link to review the CCPS Student Code of Conduct: www.collierschools.com/Page/284
- Discuss the importance of staying safe by reporting conflicts and avoiding negative peer pressures

Thanks for all you do Wildcat Families, and we look forward to an AWESOME year!

Joseph Berning,
Assistant Principal of Attendance & Discipline



School Advisory Committee

The North Naples School Advisory Committee (SAC) is a school based group intended to represent the school, the community, and those persons closest to the students. The SAC meetings are held monthly, the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 in the media center. It is important to remember that ALL parents and the community at large are welcome to any of our monthly meetings. It is a terrific way to learn about what NNMS is doing and to ask any questions you may have!

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PTO

Hello from your NNMS PTO! We hope that you are having a stellar school year so far and are thrilled to welcome you and your children to North Naples Middle School. We are very excited about the new beginnings with Mrs. Lonergan and the inaugural year of HOUSES!!

Our first general PTO meeting was a huge hit and we want to thank everyone for attending, keep an eye for the next meeting held in the evening in December! A huge shout-out to all who participated in the RHINO fundraiser and made it a success!

Fall is here which means FALL FESTIVAL is right around the corner, save the date 10/24, will be a very fun filled night for students and parents. Volunteer sign-ups will be going out shortly, so please do what you can to help make it a spook-tacular night!!

Are YOU aware that YOU are already a member of PTO?? Just by having a child at our school, you are a member! Are you taking advantage of your membership? All you have to is contact us at NNMSPTO@YAHOO.COM and let us know you're interested! We can add you to our communication list you'll know what's happening.

Thank you so much for all you do to help make the school year successful!!

Karen Beebe / Sylvia Johannessen
PTO Presidents



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Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Instruction Message

Parents,

We are off to a great start towards another fantastic school year. It is no secret that parent involvement is a critical factor in a child's success in school. We are fortunate at NNM to have excellent communication and support from parents. Involvement, however, does not have to mean volunteering with PTO, attending conferences, or communicating with teachers. These are all important means of involvement, but they exclude perhaps the simplest and most powerful ways to be involved in your child's education. Asking your child about their day and what they learned, as well as checking in on their progress regularly, are two simple practices which can communicate the importance of schooling and inspire them to achieve. The first practice can be accomplished over dinner, on the ride home, or whenever the moment allows. The second practice is as easy as logging into your parent account at portal.collierschools.com and clicking on Focus to see your child's current grades.

We look forward to partnering with you this year for your child's success.

Ben Weber, Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Instruction

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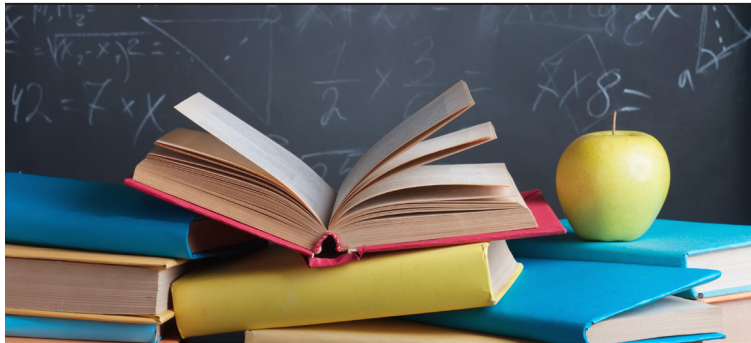
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Guidance

On behalf of the North Naples Middle School Guidance Department, Ms. Kim Manning, Ms. Bonnie Pinkerton and Mrs. Elizabeth Treanor, would like to welcome all our new students as well as our returning students and families to North Naples Middle School. Ms. Manning will be counseling students whose last names begin with letters A-L. Ms. Pinkerton will be a counselor to students with last names beginning with M-Z. Mrs. Treanor, our secretary, will be helping with scheduling conferences, enrollments and records.

We are here to assist your child with any educational concerns and to ensure that your son/daughter has a very productive, enjoyable, learning experience this year. Please feel free to call us if we can be of assistance to you or your family.

Ms. Elizabeth Treanor
 Ms. Kim Manning
 Ms. Bonnie Pinkerton


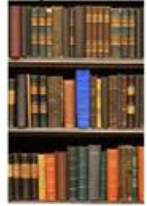

Science Department

The North Naples Advanced and Cambridge science classes have started the process of choosing their topics for Science Fair. Our school science fair will be held the week of December 9th. Judging Day for the Collier Regional Science and Engineering Fair will be January 24, 2020. The awards ceremony will be held at the STEAM conference at Golden Gate High School on February 1, 2020. Students can refer to the district website for help with project ideas and to determine if their project requires SRC approval: <https://www.collierschools.com/Page/1271>

Language Arts Department

The Language Arts Department has started the year off strong! Teachers began by diving right into FSA data to identify areas of strength and weakness to design lessons that support the needs of each class. Your student has been working hard — identifying story elements and plot lines in fictional text, looking for textual evidence that supports inferences and arguments in non-fiction text, and exploring creativity and language with all types of writing assignments. Please be sure to check FOCUS gradebook on a regular basis to be sure that missing assignments aren't having a negative impact on your child's grade. In addition to any assigned homework, all language arts teachers encourage reading on a regular basis. A minimum of 20 minutes of reading each night can have a profound impact on a student's overall success.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A" reads 20 minutes each day	Student "B" reads 5 minutes each day	Student "C" reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year
1,800,000 words	282,000 words	8,000 words
 90 th percentile	 50 th percentile	 10 th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)



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3 Tips for Parents to Teach Healthy Study Habits to Children in Middle School

Parents can help their students by monitoring sleep time and developing consistent study routines that help their pre-teens and teens stay on top of due dates and deadlines. It's important for parents to be in the know. They need to have an idea of the upcoming expectations or projects, because parents are the ultimate prompt.

- 1. Set a schedule:** Studying should be part of your student's daily routine, not something he or she tries to cram in the night before a test. Advising students to parse out their study time over the course of the week, rather than letting due dates dictate their study time, will produce better results. Preparing for tests ahead of time can reduce anxiety, and finishing assignments ahead of schedule can be rewarding for students. Parents and students should write testing/project dates and major deadlines on a calendar or planner to serve as a visual reminder.
- 2. Eliminate distractions:** Cell phones, Facebook, and TV can quickly interrupt a productive study session. Curb your teen's temptation to tune in, text, or update their status by shutting down any unnecessary electronics during scheduled study times. Especially cell phones, it's like their third eye at this point. That's such a distraction. Since students often need a computer to complete online assignments or type papers, parents should periodically check in with their studious teens. It's pretty easy to gauge if they're going onto social media sites versus typing out an essay.
- 3. Break it up:** Maintaining focus during a two-hour study session may be challenging, so know your teen's limits and divvy up study time accordingly. Being aware of their attention span can help you structure their study time so that it will be successful. Parents might also set milestones for large projects or important tests such as midterms or final exams. Don't attempt it all in one piece, but break it up into smaller tasks.



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Important Information for Parents Regarding Head Lice

Date: 10/23/2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back to a new school year! This letter is being sent to the parents of all students in grades pre-K through 8 to help you identify and prevent head lice in your child. Any time children come together, such as at the beginning of the school year, at sleepovers, social groupings such as Girl/Cub Scouts, sports activities, camp, etc., head lice cases commonly increase. Most transmissions occur in the home and community settings. **The parent or guardian has the ultimate responsibility to ensure children are free of lice and nits. It is recommended that you check your child's head weekly for lice and/or nits.**

What are head lice and nits?

Head lice are tiny, wingless insects that live close to the human scalp and feed on blood. Generally found around the ears and at the back of the neck, the adult louse is about the size of a sesame seed. The adult female lice lay eggs (nits) that are smaller and silver in color and are usually found within ¼ inch of the scalp. They may be hard to see and "stick" to the hair shaft. They may be mistaken for dandruff. When the nits hatch, they cause itching and discomfort but do not spread disease.

How is head lice spread?

Lice are most commonly found in young children due to frequent, close contact with each other. Lice are usually spread by direct head-to-head contact when one person has an active case of lice. They do not fly, jump or swim. They do however, crawl. Head lice cannot survive for very long off the head. Therefore, lice are not usually spread by contact with personal items such as hats, brushes or combs. Lice are not a sign of poor hygiene. If someone in your child's class develops head lice, there is no reason to panic and automatically assume that your child will "catch" head lice.

How do I know if my child has head lice or nits?

The signs that a child may have head lice include: an itchy and inflamed scalp; the feeling that something is moving in the hair; visible lice crawling on the scalp or hair. If your child has any of these signs or symptoms, he or she should be examined by a health care provider or the school nurse. Head lice move quickly and can be hard to see.

What do I do if my child has lice or nits?

- Please notify the school and keep your child home until he or she is treated. Talk to your child's health care provider about appropriate care. Resistance to some over-the-counter treatments has been reported. New prescription treatment options are available. Private companies also provide lice treatment and/or removal services. A parent must accompany the child upon return to school after treatment. Staff members will check to be sure there are no live lice. The child may not return if live lice are still present.
- Once a child has been treated for lice or nits, frequent re-checks will be done to ensure that treatment was effective and lice have not recurred.
- Teach your child not to share combs, brushes, barrettes, hats, towels and other personal items.
- Teach your child to avoid head-to-head contact during play and other activities.

For more information regarding head lice or its treatment, please contact your school nurse. Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,

Principal

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School Calendar 2019/2020

October

M	T	W	T	F	T	S	
	1	2	3	4	43	37	7-11 FTE Week 8 No CCPS scheduled events after sundown
7	8	9	10	11	47	41	9 No School Teachers or Students; No CCPS scheduled events
14	15	16	17	18	52	44	16 End Quarter 1 (44 days)
21	22	23	24	25	57	5	17 Teacher Professional Learning Day; No School for Students
28	29	30	31		61	9	18 Teacher Plan Day; No School for Students 23=Distribution Report Cards

November

M	T	W	T	F	T	S	
				1	62	10	19+ Interim Period Ends
4	5	6	7	8	67	15	25 Hurricane Make-up Day
11	12	13	14	15	72	20	26 Hurricane Make-up Day
18	19+	20	21	22	77	25	27-29 No School Teachers or Students Fall Break
25	26	27	28	29	78	25	28 Thanksgiving Day [Paid Holiday]

December

M	T	W	T	F	T	S	
2=	3	4	5	6	83	30	2 = Distribution Interim Reports
9	10	11	12	13	88	35	
16	17	18	19	20	93	40	20 End Quarter 2 (40 days) Early Dismissal
23	24	25	26	27	93	40	23-31 Winter Break
30	31				93	40	

January

M	T	W	T	F	T	S	
		1	2	3	94	0	1 New Year's Day [Paid Holiday]
6	7	8	9	10=	99	4	6 Teacher Plan Day; No School for Students
13	14	15	16	17	104	9	7 Students Return
20	21	22	23	24	109	13	10=Distribution Report Cards
27	28	29	30	31	114	18	20 Martin Luther King Day [Paid Holiday] No School Teachers or Students

January

M	T	W	T	F	T	S	
		1	2	3	94	0	1 New Year's Day [Paid Holiday]
6	7	8	9	10=	99	4	6 Teacher Plan Day; No School for Students
13	14	15	16	17	104	9	7 Students Return
20	21	22	23	24	109	13	10=Distribution Report Cards
27	28	29	30	31	114	18	20 Martin Luther King Day [Paid Holiday] No School Teachers or Students

February

M	T	W	T	F	T	S	
							3-7 FTE Week
3	4	5+	6	7	119	23	5+ Interim Period Ends
10	11	12=	13	14	124	28	12=Distribution Interim Reports
17	18	19	20	21	129	32	17 President's Day [Paid Holiday] No School Teachers or Students
24	25	26	27	28	134	37	26 Early Dismissal Day

March

M	T	W	T	F	T	S	
2	3	4	5	6	139	42	6 End Quarter 3 (42 days)
9	10	11	12	13	139	0	9-13 Spring Break; No School Teachers or Students
16	17	18	19	20=	144	4	16 Teacher Plan Day; No School for Students
23	24	25	26	27	149	9	20=Distribution Report Cards
30	31				151	11	

April

M	T	W	T	F	T	S	
		1	2	3	154	14	
6	7	8	9	10	158	18	10 No School Teachers or Students
13	14	15	16	17	162	22	13 No School Teachers or Students
20	21	22	23	24+	167	27	24+ Interim Period Ends
27	28	29	30		171	31	



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Athletic Department

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Fall sports are winding down to a close. Cross Country Championships wrapped up October 12th. Volleyball will continue through mid-November.

Winter is coming! Winter sports include Basketball and Soccer. Intramurals for these sports begin November 5th. All practices are from 4-5 pm.

For all athletic activities, please be up to date on physicals. Visit our website www.collierschools.com/nnm for any forms or schedules.

Craig Howell,
Athletic Director

Yearbook

Buy your yearbook now for \$35 -- the lowest price only until January 31st! Also, remember to email Mrs. Argueta photos of your child participating in music performances, sports, traveling, and other fun events to possibly be included in the yearbook this year!

Eighth Grade Parents: If you are interested in buying a send-off message in the yearbook, then your message, photo(s), and payment is due by December 13th. After winter break, a message will be sent out if any space is still available as space is limited.

Contact Mrs. Argueta at arguer@collierschools.com for further information.

